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2. The Bureau of the Budget has forwarded to CIA for comment a draft bill submitted by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide a United States Medal of Merit for outstanding accomplishments in public affairs, social betterment, science, health and medicine, education, letters, arts, law, engineering, agriculture, labor, industry, and related fields. A copy of this bill has been sent to Chairman, CIA Honor Awards Board for his comments, and the proposed reply will be cleared through DD/S. *14 Feb. 55*

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